

me. I shall doubtless derive both pleasure and profit from the perusal of the whole, yet, to me, its chief value consists in the fact that it contains your own interesting lecture delivered before the Historical Society of N. York, which I read at the time, and which I am happy to have in so convenient a form for preservation.

My children as well as myself are in good health and join me in affectionate regards to yourself and Mrs. Graham.

I am sincerely,  
Your friend

*From H. T. Duncan.*

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Lexington, [Ky.]

October 23rd., 1853.

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The object of this letter is to give some idea of the progress and prospects of the interesting enterprize which commends itself so strongly to the National sympathy. For many months, the time of the Central Executive Committee was occupied in the selection and appointment of various Committees, State and County. These, I regret to say, have not answered our hopes, but few have responded, even to the letters of appointment and done nothing, I presume, others have given to the matter some attention and raised some means. Discouraged with this state of things, the Committee determined to give the subject a vigorous personal attention, which has resulted, I am happy to inform you, in flattering success, leaving now, I believe, assurances of complete success. The contributions reach now the sum of \$35,000 contributed within the last few months, & I think we may add 5000\$ as probably not yet reported, making the present contribution to reach some of \$40,000. This has been done principally in Ky. and part in Ohio—with few liberal contributions of \$1000. each. Of this kind there is one from Louisiana, one from Mississippi, 2 from Ohio, & 2 from Ky., one or two of \$500. There are many of 100\$, more of 50\$, and all lesser sums.

I have just returned from Louisville, where I spent some ten days, giving my active personal attention to the work, with the active aid of the local Committee, the contributions reached over \$9,000. All together, the experience of the last 90 days satisfies me that all that is necessary is to call upon the people, and they will